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PASS AGRICULTURE FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY BELL AND DAVID L. HUME

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SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION SUBSTITUTES IMPORT DEPOSIT SCHEME FOR ORIGINAL
SKIMMED MILK POWDER MIXING REGULATION

REF: (A) EC BRUSSELS 01386, (B) STATE 25179, (C) STATE 29158

1. THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS IN THE
CABINET OF SIR CHRISTOPHER SOAMES, GRAHAM AVERY, CALLED IN MISSION
OFFICERS TO DESCRIBE THE DECISION TAKEN ON FEBRUARY 11 BY THE
COMMISSION CONCERNING THE NFDN SURPLUS. ALSO PRESENT WERE TRADE
POLICY OFFICIALS FROM THE DIRECTORATES GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE
AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS.

2. ACCORDING TO AVERY, THE COMMISSION APPROVED A REGULATION
WHICH APPEARS TO BE IDENTICAL TO THE ONE DESCRIBED IN REFTL A
EXCEPT THAT IT WOULD BE EFFECTIVE FOR ONLY SEVEN MONTHS INSTEAD
OF THE EIGHT MONTHS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED. AVERY DID NOT SPECIFY
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THE AMOUNT OF THE DEPOSIT NOR THE PRECISE QUANTITY OF NFDN WHICH

MUST BE PURCHASED PER TON OF PROTEIN. THE COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS MEET ON FEBRUARY 16 WHEN IT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE UP THIS AND THE OTHER PRICE PROPOSALS.

3. THE STORAGE SCHEME DESCRIBED IN REF. A IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THIS PROPOSAL. AVERY STRESSED THAT IT AND THE PURCHASE/DEPOSIT ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSAL ARE STRONGLY LINKED. THE COMMISSION HAS TAKEN THE POSITION THAT IF THE COUNCIL FAILS TO PASS THE STORAGE SCHEME, THE COMMISSION WILL WITHDRAW ITS PROPOSAL FOR A PURCHASE/DEPOSIT REGULATION. THIS APPARENTLY IS TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE COMMISSION INTENDS TO RESPECT THE ASSURANCE LARDINOIS GAVE SECRETARY BUTZ IN JANUARY.

4. NEITHER AVERY NOR THE OTHER COMMISSION OFFICIALS PRESENT WOULD SPECIFY THE AMOUNT OF PROTEIN MATERIAL TO BE STORED, EITHER FROM THE COMMUNITY OR IMPORTED SOURCES, BUT THEY SAID THAT IT WOULD CORRESPOND IN PROTEIN CONTENT TO 600,000 TONS OF NFD. THEY DID SAY THAT THE COMMUNITY IS EXACTLY 85 PERCENT DEPENDENT ON IMPORTS FOR ITS PROTEIN SUPPLY, AND THEY WOULD EXPECT A PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF STORAGE SPACE TO BE ALLOCATED TO IMPORTS. THE STORAGE PROGRAM WOULD BE IN EFFECT FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AT AN ANNUAL COST TO FEOGA OF 14 MILLION U.A.

5. THE INFORMATION AVERY GAVE US WAS CONFIRMED BY RABOT, WHO CALLED IN MISSION OFFICERS TO DISCUSS THIS AND OTHER MATTERS. RABOT SAID THE NEW PURCHASE/DEPOSIT PROPOSAL SUBSTITUTES FOR THE MIXING REGULATION THAT WAS ORIGINALLY PART OF THE PRICE PROPOSAL PACKAGE (REFTEL A).

6. MISSION OFFICERS TOOK BOTH OCCASIONS ONCE AGAIN TO READ TO EC OFFICIALS THE RELEVANT PASSAGES OF REFS. B AND C CONCERNING US CONCERN AND INTENTION TO MAKE VIGOROUS USE OF THE GATT. MORRIS

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